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Request For Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal Address to: MS RCE Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450	Application Number	09/341,590-Conf. #5316
	Filing Date	July 12, 1999
	First Named Inventor	Bjarne D. Larsen
	Art Unit	1653
	Examiner Name	D. Lukton
	Attorney Docket Number	55508(45487)

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.

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1. ☐ Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114. Note: If the RCE is proper, any previously filed unentered amendments and amendments enclosed with the RCE will be entered in the order in which they were filed unless applicant instructs otherwise. If applicant does not wish to have any previously filed unentered amendment(s) entered, applicant must request non-entry of such amendment(s).

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i. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____

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b. ☒ Enclosed

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iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)

iv. ☐ Other _____

2. ☐ Miscellaneous

a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)

b. ☐ Other _____

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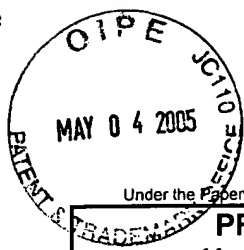
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